

MTA-7007
5 March 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- February 1987

I. GENERAL

Following reports of unrest, the Embassy again prohibited non-official travel to the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Old City, by mission employees. The restrictions were lifted on the 18th, but were reimposed on the 20th following renewed disturbances.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Bureau remained open 2 hours beyond normal COB on 9 February to cover developments in the Lebanon hostage situation arising from the threat by the Islamic Jihad organization to execute the four hostages it allegedly holds, including three Americans, at midnight on 9 February, if Israel did not release 400 Palestinian detainees. The Bureau stood down after the Islamic Jihad announced that the executions had been deferred.

2. Israeli television technicians blacked out all television transmissions except educational TV from 1530 gmt on the 10th to 1900 gmt on the 12th. Among those programs blacked out was the weekly "Moqed" interview program. The technicians' strike was initiated in reaction to the suspension by management of a union foreman who blacked-out the last 10 minutes of a widely-watched NBA All-Star game in protest over the large proportion of foreign films purchased by the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

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B. Lateral Services

The Embassy Regional Security Office has requested that the Bureau alert it to processed material that provides data on local trends in terrorist and criminal activity.

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C. Technical

Phase two of Bureau's project to improve Cairo Television First Program reception was completed at the beginning of the month with the installation of a preamplifier, custom-tuned to the Cairo TV First Program frequency. Bureau Cruising Monitor [] reports that the special preamplifier, in conjunction with the new antennas installed in phase one of the project, have considerably improved the Bureau's reception of Cairo TV's First Program. In early March, [] assisted by Arabic/Hebrew Monitor [] will conduct a week-long survey of the First Program in order to identify programs of possible coverage interest.

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An ongoing review of the participation of non-State Department components in the Embassy housing furniture pool prompted by the Embassy's budget crisis has revealed that FBIS, among other components, has for several years been contributing less than its full share to the housing pool. In negotiations with the GSO, the Bureau confirmed its desire to remain a member of the pool and worked out a new arrangement that reflects the bureau's current requirements.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

cc: JN, NC

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for FEBRUARY 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	265650
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	53370
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	765

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7633.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	4130
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	0
Clandestine Free Voice of Iran in Persian	0
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	0
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	6200
Clandestine Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian	0

CYPRUS

Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish	0
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GREECE

Athens in English to South Africa	0
Athens in English to Australia	0

ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	56970
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	14290

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Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	22500	
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	5470	
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	19330	
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic		5800
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English		1190
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic		100
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic		5950
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic		1150
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic		910
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Spanish		0
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English		0
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English		18530
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew		0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew		7400
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew		4840
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew		11820
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew		13750
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew		0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew		7470
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew		0
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew		14180
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew		13790

SOVIET UNION

Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	0
Moscow in Turkish	0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Moscow in
Dari
Moscow in
Persian

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TURKEY

Ankara Domestic Service in
Turkish

21240

Ankara ANATOLIA in
Turkish

Ankara ANATOLIA in
English

430

Ankara ANATOLIA in
French

8210

Istanbul CUMHURIYET in
Turkish

0

Istanbul HURRIYET in
Turkish

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UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in
English

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TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR FEB. . 19 87 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 265,650 (204,940)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 53,370 (50,170)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 11,394 (8,229)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 18,500^{on} 19 February 1987
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 3,260^{on} 14 February 1987
2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 1 HOURS, 0.21 PERCENT.
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 1 HOURS, 0.21 PERCENT.
OUTAGES: 23 February 1987 - STAT

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 280

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.